

Wednesday, March 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010: Thai red-shirt demonstrators spilt their own blood at the gates of the prime minister's office as part of a mass anti-government protest**

1792: Gustavus III of Sweden was shot and fatally wounded at a masked ball

1802: The United States Congress passed an act establishing a military academy at West Point, New York

1988: Five thousand people died in a single day after the Kurdish town of Halabja in northern Iraq was bombed with chemical weapons

2010: Michael Jackson's estate agreed a \$200m recording deal, the biggest in history, with Sony Music